



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TAKASHI NINO ET AL Conf. No. 4661  
Serial No.: 09/986,131 Group Art Unit: 2851  
Filed: NOVEMBER 7, 2001 Examiner: GREGORY DESIRE  
Title: VARIATION DETECTING APPARATUS, VARIATION DETECTING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM AND SYSTEM FOR STORING PROGRAM INVOLVED IN THE METHOD

Customer No. 23911

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by 1 month pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$120 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 010689.50641US). A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

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